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WEDDING IN LOUISA LAST SUNDAY

MR. G. C. COOK AND MRS. ETHEL
CAIN SURPRISE THEIR
FRIENDS.

A wedding affair which was successfully kept a secret until it actually occurred was that of Mr. G. C. Cook and Mrs. Ethel Caine. The interesting event took place in the parlor at the Louisa Inn last Sunday at noon. Rev. W. H. Folsom, of the M. E. Church South, performed the ceremony. None of the bride's family knew of the event until after it was over. She told her parents that she had accepted an invitation to take dinner with Mr. Cook at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook left for Williamson at two o'clock. They went to Huntington, where they will remain for several days. Mrs. Cook and little son, Bertin Cain, will have rooms at the Louisa Inn for the winter, there being no desirable quarters at the place where Mr. Cook's business keeps him. He is buyer for a large company store in Martin-co., where a new timber and mining business is being started. Mr. Cook is an excellent gentleman, a native of Virginia who came here with the contractors who built the new C. & O. bridge three miles south of Louisa. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Spencer, and is a handsome and intelligent young woman. The romance that has culminated so happily began a few months ago, and Mr. Cook was quite a frequent visitor during that period. The wedding was not, therefore, a very great surprise to the friends of the couple.

MR. HENDERSON RETIRING FROM GROCERY FIRM.

Frank R. Henderson, secretary and general manager of the Kitchen-Whitely Wholesale Grocery company of Ashland, will sever his connections with that firm after January first next after a very successful and faithful service of twenty-one years. He will be succeeded by W. B. Whitely, of Magoffin, vice-president.

A. L. MARTIN'S RESIDENCE ON BEAVER DESTROYED.

We regret to learn of the loss of one of the best houses on Beaver creek in Floyd-co. It was the home of Mr. A. L. Martin, a merchant and progressive business man, located at Minnie post-office. Fire completely destroyed the building and all the furniture. The loss is estimated at \$5,000, with \$1,000 insurance.

Mr. Martin's family is now living in Louisa. They spend their winters here to give the children the advantage of our schools. Mr. Martin was not at home when it burned.

MONEY IN CHICKEN'S CROP.

While dressing a chicken the other day Mrs. John A. Stewart found a bright dime in the fowl's crop. The money was minted in 1904, but of course had not been in the chicken that long unless it started in a Chicago cage and came on down through several generations. The fowl was bought from Forrest Smith, the merchant at Cayville. With the reputation of returning money with each purchase Mr. Smith may expect a rapid increase in business. Who knows how much money the next fowl may contain? If an ordinary chicken holds a dime an old hen may have a quarter, and a turkey at Thanksgiving prices ought to have at least a five dollar gold piece in his gizzard. Any old rooster looks like 20 cents.—Cynthiana Democrat.

GAME WARDEN INDICTED.

Mayville, Ky., December 15.—J. Quincy Ward, State Game and Fish Commissioner, who has waged such a vigorous campaign against violators of the Kentucky game laws, was indicted by the grand jury of this county on a charge of setting and maintaining a fish net in running water. The indictment further charges Ward with having employed a local fisherman here to catch small fish in the Ohio river at this point, the fish then being taken by Ward to ponds of wealthy Central Kentucky farmers.

HOLD UP STOREKEEPER.

Two men giving their names as Paul Shannon and Henry O. Crofts were arrested at Kenova last Thursday after they held up Mr. and Mrs. Adkins in the store of Hunt & Adkins and pilfered the cash drawer. Shannon is thought to be "H. Grady Webb," one of the men implicated in holding up the B. & O. train near Central. This state, about three years ago.—Ceredo Advance.

HAD \$8000 INSURANCE.

Jerome S. Hardin, who was killed in Catlettsburg recently, had \$8000 life insurance. One policy was less than a year old, it is said. Mrs. Hardin is continuing the hotel business in her property in Catlettsburg. The estate also owns a fine farm on Bear creek and some valuable property in Kenova.

RAILROAD PAYS BACK TAXES.

Lawrence county has just received about \$6000 from the C. & O. railway for the franchise taxes which were involved in the suits brought by the State. This covers balance due for the 1912 and thereafter.

WEST VIRGINIA ADDS ONE TO WILSON'S MAJORITY.

Charleston, W. Va., December 13.—Although Charles Evans Hughes carried West Virginia in the recent election by 2,721 plurality, President Wilson gets the vote of one Elector from the state in the Electoral College.

Complete returns received from the 55 counties of the state, and which are now being rechecked at the Governor's office, show Charles E. Carriean, leading Republican Elector, to have received 142,124 votes, while Orlando Depue, leading Democrat electoral candidate, received 140,403.

ARTHUR RAGLAND DIES FOLLOWING OPERATION.

Arthur Ragland, 10 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ragland, of Lexington, died in the Holmes hospital, of Cincinnati, last Thursday where he had been taken for an operation for throat trouble. He was operated on Wednesday and the operation apparently proved successful but he developed a heart weakness which stimulants failed to overcome. The body was taken to Lexington for burial.

COUNTIES AUTHORIZED TO PAY OFFICIALS' EXPENSES.

Frankfort, Ky., December 15.—In view of the fact that many counties are wasting money in building public roads because of the lack of road information on the part of the Fiscal Court, Attorney-General Logan, today gave an opinion in which he holds that a county has the right to pay the expenses of the members of the Fiscal Court in attending a meeting of road engineers. This opinion was given to Rodman Wiley, Commissioner of Public Roads, who suggested to the County Judges that they attend the meeting of the County Road Engineers, to be held at Bowling Green, January 27 to 29. He also suggests the entire Court be brought along, letting the counties pay the expenses of the trip.

OIL SEARCH IN CARTER COUNTY.

Col. J. D. Stone of Norfolk, Va., a former citizen of Ashland, but for the past several years one of the prominent business men of Norfolk, has been here for the past few days visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Stone is president of the Kentucky Land, Gas and Oil Company. They expect to begin drilling on their holdings in Carter county early in the spring.

The Run Ever Oil & Gas Co., will start on their holdings on Little Sandy, Carter-co., near the Greenup-co. line about April 1.

IN COUNTY COURT.

Last Monday's session of the Lawrence County Court the will of Mrs. Julia Fulkerson was probated. Also, the will of Alex. Walden.

H. B. Highberger, Robt. Dean and Labe Wallace were appointed to review the proposed change in county road between Louisa and Blaine, where by the two large hills on the old route are avoided.

A change in the road from Louisa to Paintsville is proposed also, and reviewers are appointed to report on a route from Lee Garred's up Georges creek to the Johnson county line. They are H. B. Highberger, Harvey Hardin and Harmon Blackburn.

No action was taken on a route from the Three Mile bridge to Louisa.

YOUNG LADY INJURED.

Miss Leola Blessing, daughter of a State Senator of West Virginia, was struck by an automobile in Huntington last week and sustained a fracture of the skull. Her condition is very serious. W. E. Chapman is under arrest, charged with being the driver of the car. He denies this. She was a student in Marshall College.

LOUISA NATIVE ELECTED.

Squire M. F. Meek, newly elected Justice of the Peace, has assumed the duties of his office and will occupy the suite of rooms formerly used by Justice A. D. Dickey in the White building on Logan-st.—Williamson Republican.

NEWSPAPER SUSPENDED.

Whitesburg, Ky., Dec. 6.—The Clintonwood Moon, the only newspaper published in Dickenson-co., Va., east of here, has suspended publication indefinitely due to the high cost of paper and material. M. L. Mullins purchased the plant several months ago.

ASHLAND SUFFERS HEAVY FIRE LOSS

TWO FIRES IN ONE NIGHT HARASS THE BUNGLING FIREMEN.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 18.—The manufacturing department of the Ashland bakery, owned by Louis Weinfortner, burned to-night. The loss is about \$19,000, with \$5,000 insurance. The cause of the fire was not known. Work on a new plant will begin at once.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 19.—Ashland was visited by a damaging fire this morning. Rothchild & Nathan's department store was burned to the ground. This firm has been in business here for 25 years and has been known as the Bee Hive. It carried a \$20,000 stock of goods with an insurance of \$8,000.

The building belonged to William Workman, was worth \$22,000 and had insurance of \$11,000. Scott Brothers' piano house was damaged by water to the amount of \$5,000, with a small insurance.

The office building belonging to M. W. Thomas and occupied by Adkins & Elm, was badly damaged, with small insurance, and \$1000 loss.

The feeble and amateurish manner in which these two fires were handled has caused the dismissal of fire chief H. H. Davenport. Ashland is now very much excited on the fire protection subject. Some citizens are yelling "we told you so." The water system is coming in for a scorching because of the scant supply of water available for fighting fires. The ferry is being roasted for refusing to cross the river and bring over the firemen. Firemen who came at the call for help and were not brought across the river until the regular morning trip.

The bakery fire occurred early in the night and the other blaze started a few hours later.

WERE ENTERTAINED IN FRANKFORT.

Mr. and Mrs. William McDyer, of Paintsville, were the honor guests at a charmingly appointed dinner given Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Wiley at their home in Frankfort.

MASONIC MEETING.

The Apperson Masonic Lodge had quite an interesting session last Saturday night at which degrees were conferred upon two candidates, Dr. C. B. Walters and Milton Clarke. A number of Ashland Masons, who are exceptionally well versed in this work, were present and assisted in conferring the degrees. Their names appear in the following item from Independent.

A delicious lunch was served at the close of the exercises.

The Ashland Independent says:

Messrs. Tom Field, R. R. Evans, Milt Elkins, G. W. Snodgrass, W. U. Carr, Herbert Wheatley, Elwyn Mosser, Oscar Schmauch and Douglas Hughes returned from Louisa yesterday, after attending the Masonic meeting held in Louisa Saturday night. Poage Lodge of Ashland had charge of the initiation, with M. Milt Elkins acting as Master, Tom Field as Senior Warden, G. W. Snodgrass as Junior Warden, W. H. Gelder as Senior Deacon and Douglas Hughes as Junior Deacon. The other members of the Ashland party were members of the Initiatory team and Messrs. C. B. Walters and Milt Clarke, of Louisa, were made Master Masons. A splendid turkey supper was served following the ceremonies.

DR. MARCUM'S BOY INJURED.

While coasting with other boys near the Central school building last Friday afternoon, the aged on which William Marcum, the 11-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Marcum, turned over and the boy was thrown violently to the ground and badly injured.

Dr. Marcum was absent from town at the time and Drs. Bruns, Sturgill and Shirley were called and removed a piece of stick two inches long that had penetrated the boy's body.

Bill, as he is familiarly called, is getting along nicely and it is hoped he will be able to be out in a short time.—Advance.

VERDICT REVERSED.

A \$15,000 verdict against the Chesapeake & Ohio in Floyd county in favor of the estate of Mack Harmon was reversed by the Court of Appeals in an opinion by Judge Hurt. Harmon, who was learning to be a fireman, was riding in the caboose between Shelby and Russell when he was killed in a rear-end collision. The recovery was under the Federal Employers' Liability Act.

AGED MAN DIES.

James Hall, age 77, died Sunday at the home of his son Wiley Hall, three miles from Louisa. His death was the result of a second stroke of paralysis, sustained shortly before the end came. Rev. H. B. Hawlett conducted the funeral services.

KENTUCKIANS TO BENEFIT.

Louisville, Ky., December 16.—D. F. Turnbull, general manager of the Cumberland Telephone company in Kentucky, with headquarters here, today notified all employees in the state of the company's plans to distribute Christmas remembrances in the form of cash bonuses.

ITEMS OF INTEREST AMONG THE CHURCHES

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS ARE BUSY
PREPARING THEIR CHRISTMAS TREES.

WATCH MEETING.

There will be a union Methodist watch meeting at the M. E. Church on the last night in December. Being on Sunday night the two churches will hold their regular services separately and the congregations will gather at 10 o'clock for the watch meeting.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

The Christmas service of the M. E. Church South, will be held in the court house Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Music will be a special feature of this service and will be under the direction of Prof. Hunter of the Kentucky Normal College.

The evening subject will be: "The Witness of the Spirit." Those who are doubtful about their conversion should hear this sermon.

A unique service is planned for next Wednesday evening. All are invited to this service. Come and bring a friend.

THE NEW CHURCH.

The cold and snow have interfered with the work on the new M. E. Church South during the past few days. Mr. J. H. Preston, the contractor for the carpenter work, has put in all the time possible, however, and a day or two more of fairly favorable weather will get the roof ready for the contractor who is to put on the roofing material and the sheet metal work.

An addition to the stone cutting force has been made and this work will go along more rapidly.

The committee has for sale some building tile which was left over. Also a few bricks, both common and pressed.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT TYRE.

There will be a Christmas tree at Tyre chapel (Sulphur Spring Sunday school) Monday, Dec. 25th, beginning at two o'clock. We have an excellent program of various dialogues and recitations. Santa Claus will be with us. Come and bring your friends and spend a pleasant evening. SNOW BIRD.

CHRISTMAS TREES.

The presents from the Christmas tree at the M. E. Church will be distributed on Sunday night, at which time their Christmas program will be read.

The Sunday school of the Christian church will have a Christmas tree on Saturday night.

The Baptist Sunday school Christmas tree will be on Saturday night.

The tree for the M. E. Church South Sunday school will be Saturday night at the court house.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, which was to be held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Kinster on Tuesday afternoon, December 26, has been postponed until Friday afternoon, December 29 at the usual hour for meeting.

The M. E. Church bazaar, which was held in the sample room of the Brunswick hotel last Friday and Saturday, was quite a success. The display was good and the proceeds satisfactory.

CHURCH DEBT CLEARED BY REV. McELDOWNEY.

The following clipping from a Charleston, W. Va., paper will be read with interest by the friends of Rev. L. E. McElDowney. It seems that the Bishop returned him to Charleston to clear the Roane street church of debt, and he has accomplished this in about three months, and also has raised \$2000 additional for improvements on the church:

"A. E. Humphries, of Denver, Col., and A. J. Humphries, of Charleston, deposited in the Elk bank yesterday, \$5,250 with which to cancel the debt on Humphries Memorial M. E. Church, South, of which Rev. L. E. McElDowney is pastor. Two thousand dollars were given also for the purpose of making improvements on the church.

The church will be dedicated on Easter Monday, at which time A. E. Humphries will return to be present."

HAND MASHED BY CAR WHEELS.

Charles Kelly, who lives in Ashland, brakeman on the Big Sandy division of the C. & O., slipped while near Bretonburg early Tuesday and his left hand went under the car wheels. The hand was so badly mashed that it was necessary to amputate the little, ring and middle fingers of the hand. The injured man was taken to Ashland on a special train, and removed to the hospital.

E. S. HITCHENS DROPPED DEAD.

E. S. Hitchens, president of the General Refractories Co., which owns the large brick plant at Hitchens, Carter county, dropped dead Monday afternoon in Chicago, where he had gone from his home at Hitchens on business. The Hitchens plant is the largest in the world and Mr. Hitchens' death is a great blow to the enterprise.

FOR LOUISVILLE.

Washington, December 16.—Senator James to-day called on Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to urge that either a farm loan bank or a branch reserve bank be established at Louisville.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS DESTROYED ON CAR.

Doubtless many a Christmas was blighted by a fire which Wednesday morning destroyed a loaded express car attached to train No. 8 on the Norfolk & Western.

No. 8 is a train made up at Williamson and it carries and distributes the express brought to that point by the limited trains. Because of the Christmas rush there were several cars full of express packages.

At Hull, a point about six miles out of Williamson, the express agent in the car ahead smelled something burning. He thought it was a hot box, but finding this to be untrue, he started back through the train to investigate. When he opened the door leading into the next car flames flashed into his face. The car was detached from the train and an effort was made to put out the fire at a water tank at Merrimac but this was of no avail. The car was kicked onto a siding where it burned down to the trucks.

The car was one of the old type and was equipped with oil lamps from which, the supposition is, the fire started.

TRAVELING SALESMEN CHANGING FIRMS.

Lafe Wellman has resigned as salesman for Hagen, Ratcliff & Co., and G. R. Lewis will take his place. Mr. Wellman is a large stockholder in the Lobacco company and the Coca-Cola Bottling company and will devote his time to that business. James M. Moore succeeds George Lewis with the Crump & Field company.

James W. Hall has moved to Louisa and is traveling for the Lobacco company. L. L. Kinser, their former salesman, is now with the Ashland Milling Co.

ASKS \$50,000 FOR DEATH MAN KILLED BY THE HEAT.

Mayville, Ky., Dec. 20.—The Equitable Trust company, of this county, as administrator of William Fogarty, who died from the heat last summer while at work on the Government dam here, has filed suit against the Bates & Rogers Construction company and Robert Irvine and Richard Ellis, foreman, for \$50,000 damages, claiming them to be responsible for his death. Fogarty was from Columbus, O.

LOUISVILLE'S POSTAL SAVING DEPOSITS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The Louisville postoffice had \$300,542 in postal savings funds on deposit December 1, being fourth in rank among the cities of the country.

WALTER IN BAD AGAIN.

Walter Montgomery, of Magoffin-co., who was indicted in a number of cases at the last term of the Johnson Circuit Court for selling whiskey, was arrested this week by Sheriff George W. Spears, and lodged in jail. Montgomery, together with a number of other Magoffin-co. fellows, were indicted in the Federal Court at Catlettsburg at its last term, and all the boys went to Catlettsburg last Monday at the opening of Federal Court, to answer to the charges against them there, for which they were under bond. They all came to Paintsville and caught the train, except Montgomery, who changed his course just a little by going through Toms creek, catching the train at Offutt. Sheriff Spears, knowing of the charges against him at Catlettsburg, suspected that he would be there, boarded the train Monday morning to locate him, and found him immediately after arriving in Catlettsburg.—Paintsville Post.

REV. KAZEE IN NEW LOCATION.

Rev. J. C. Kazee, a native of this county, has moved from Tampa on the west coast of Florida to Cocoa on the east coast, a beautiful and thriving little town. He is pastor of the Baptist church, which worships in a nice concrete block building, and is comfortably housed in the parsonage near the church.

Before leaving Tampa he became a Scottish Rite Mason, and went to the thirty-second degree, all of which he says he enjoyed very much.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Pannos vs. Dilla, Pike; affirmed.
McGoy vs. Thompson, Pike; reversed.
Stephens vs. Steele, Pike; affirmed.
Whitaker vs. Commonwealth, Floyd; reversed.
Forrell vs. Childress, Pike; affirmed.
C. and O. Railway company vs. Harmon's Administrator, Floyd; reversed.
Pond Creek Coal company vs. Riley, Rester & Bros., Pike; petition for rehearing overruled.

FEED THE BIRDS.

The Kentucky Game and Fish Commission is sending out an appeal to feed the birds when the ground is covered with snow and ice. It says:

"Do not clear away the wild hedges—leave some shocks of corn in your field—scatter grain sweepings in likely places—fasten suit to your orchard tree, and spread a lunch counter under your window out of the reach of cats."

MINISTER MOVED TO CEREDO.

Rev. A. W. Damron has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Ceredo and will move his family, consisting of wife, two sons and daughter, from Wayne about the first of the year. Mr. Damron's time during the year will be divided between Ceredo and the Tug river field.—Ceredo Advance.

Mr. G. M. Guerin is steadily recovering from an attack of typhoid.

DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE PROHIBITION

WILL SEEK TO HAVE THE LEGISLATURE OF 1918 SUBMIT
THE AMENDMENT.

The formation of an organization, within the Democratic party in Kentucky, the object of which will be to bring about action by the next regular session of the General Assembly, at the meeting in January, 1918, submitting to the people an amendment to the State Constitution for Statewide prohibition, was set on foot in Louisville November 16 at a small gathering embracing some of the best known men of the State. They form but the nucleus of a body that will be made up of men of understanding and character in every county, scores of whom are already in touch with the organizers. The plans of campaign that were laid are probably the most thorough yet mapped out in such a fight in Kentucky.

The head of the new organization is Dr. A. J. Alexander, of Woodford-co., widely known philanthropist and agriculturist, who assumes the chairmanship, and Col. P. H. Callahan, of Louisville, the well known business man and student of public questions. Associated with them on the Executive Committee are former Chief Justice J. P. Hobson, of Frankfort; Dr. M. B. Adams, of Georgetown; Dr. A. Gaddis, of Williamsburg; the Hon. J. Guthrie Coke, of Logan-co.; former Circuit Judge James M. Benton, of Clark-co.; Henry M. Johnson, of Louisville, and Ben B. Corrine, of Shelby-co.

Permanent headquarters of the organization will be opened almost immediately. The campaign will be vigorously conducted in every county in the State in which there is the slightest prospect of naming a Democratic member of the House of Representatives, and in every district where a State Senator is to be chosen. An Executive Committee will be named in each county and district, made up of men of the standing and type of the State Committee, and through these county committees the campaign will be carried into each precinct and to every Democratic voter.

The men who have set on foot this movement to settle the question of prohibition in Kentucky believe that their plan will be effective, more so than if fostered only by a faction of the Democratic party, as they plan to bring together with them representatives of the great business interests and people of all classes who are working for improvements in the moral and social condition of the State.

Dr. Alexander, head of the movement, is one of the best known men in the bluegrass section of Kentucky. He is at the head of Woodburn farm, near Spring Station, and has been prominent for a number of years in improving the methods of agriculture and in good roads. He is a graduate of Princeton University, having gone through that institution when President Woodrow Wilson was at its head, and is an intimate friend of the President, who has visited him at Woodburn. Dr. Alexander was once a medical missionary in Korea, returning to Kentucky upon the death of his father several years ago.

Bryan On The 28th.

The first big meeting of this organization will be held in Louisville on December 28th and William Jennings Bryan will be the chief speaker. 500 Democrats from all parts of the State are expected to be present.

MORRIS HARVEY COLLEGE.

Morris Harvey College at Barboursville, will close for the Christmas holidays at noon Thursday, resuming the Wednesday after New Years. The usual activities in advance of the holiday season are in progress there.

Tuesday evening, students of the music department will give a recital. Dr. U. V. W. Darlington, the president, is greatly pleased with the condition of the school at the end of the first period of his initial year.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

L. F. PERRY DEAD.

L. F. Perry, of Wayne-co., died Monday night after an illness due to cancer. He underwent an operation in a Huntington hospital in October, from which he rallied but failed to recover any degree of health.

Perry was a well known merchant and farmer and had many friends in his home county.

JENKINS JONES DEAD.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Jenkins Jones, vice-president of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries company, and last of the pioneer operators in the Pocahontas field, died at his home at Freeman, near here to-day. He was 77 years old and had been in failing health for eleven months.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

Mr. Chas. Burkitt, of Tennessee, was in Louisa Wednesday making an investigation of the educational affairs in the Appalachian section of the United States. He is representing the Department of Education of the United States and is working through the mountain region of the seven States included in this chain of mountains. He finds conditions improving in many parts of the region he has visited.

MAGOFFIN COUPLE MARRIED.

Edward Stephens, 23, of Magoffin-co., and Letha Howard, 20, of Ironton, were married in Ironton.